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CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

56 SOW NKP

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432 TRW UDORN

CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/AIRA VTN LAOS
ARMA/AIRA SVKT LAOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5533

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TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - 8 AUGUST 1973

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW, 388 TFW,
354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2 AND PAO.

REF: VIENTIANE 5461

I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR'S I, II AND V: NO ACTIVITY REPORTED AUGUST 6-8.

B. MR III: ON AUGUST 3, NVA COMPANY LAUNCHED MINOR GROUND ATTACK
ON FRIENDLY COMPANY 10 KM NORTH OF DONG HENE. CASUALTIES UNKNOWN.
ENEMY INITIATED THREE MINOR, PLATOON-SIZED ATTACKS ON FAR POSITIONS
IN BAN BUN XANG AREA (WD 4115) ON AUGUST 3, 5 AND 6. NO CASUALTIES
REPORTED.

C. MR IV: ON AUGUST 5, TWO FRIENDLY PLATOONS FOUGHT MINOR ENGAGEMENT,
22 KM EAST/NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE, WITH ENEMY COMPANY. FRIENDS
LOST 2 MIA. IN THIS SAME AREA, AUGUST 6, TWO ENEMY COMPANIES LAUNDED
MAJOR GROUND ATTACK, SUPPORTED BY MORTAR FIRE, IN RESPONSE TO
PROVOCATION OF FAR COMPANY (XC 0432). FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE 6 KIA
AND 6 WIA. ENEMY LOST 10 KIA AND 20 WIA. RLAF SUPPORTED FRIENDS WITH
FOUR T-28 SORTIES AGAINST ENEMY TROOP CONCENTRATIONS. A SECOND,
BUT MINOR, CLASH OCCURRED IN KHONG SEDONE AREA ON AUGUST 6, WHEN
TWO FAR COMPANIES FOUGHT WITH ONE PL/NVA COMPANY. ENEMY WAS SUPPORTED
BY MORTAR FIRE AND FAR BY 105 MM MORTAR. FRIENDS LOST 3 WIA AND
10 MIA. ENEMY CASUALTIES UNKNOWN.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION:

LAO PRESSE TODAY REPORTS THAT, IN INTERVIEW WITH GERMAN TELEVISION
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CORRESPONDENT AUGUST 7, PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WILL "UNIFY LAOS"
AND THAT HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS IN DOING SO BE-
CAUSE THE "SO-CALLED MARXIST FORCES ARE NATIONALISTS." SOUVANNA SAID
THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION COULD BE FORMED WITHIN TEN DAYS,
AND PREDICTED THAT IT WILL TAKE ONE TO TWO YEARS TO FULLY ACCOMPLISH
THE INTEGRATION OF THE CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION, MILITARY AND POLICE.
SOUVANNA REITERATED THAT LAOS WOULD REMAIN NEUTRAL.
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